

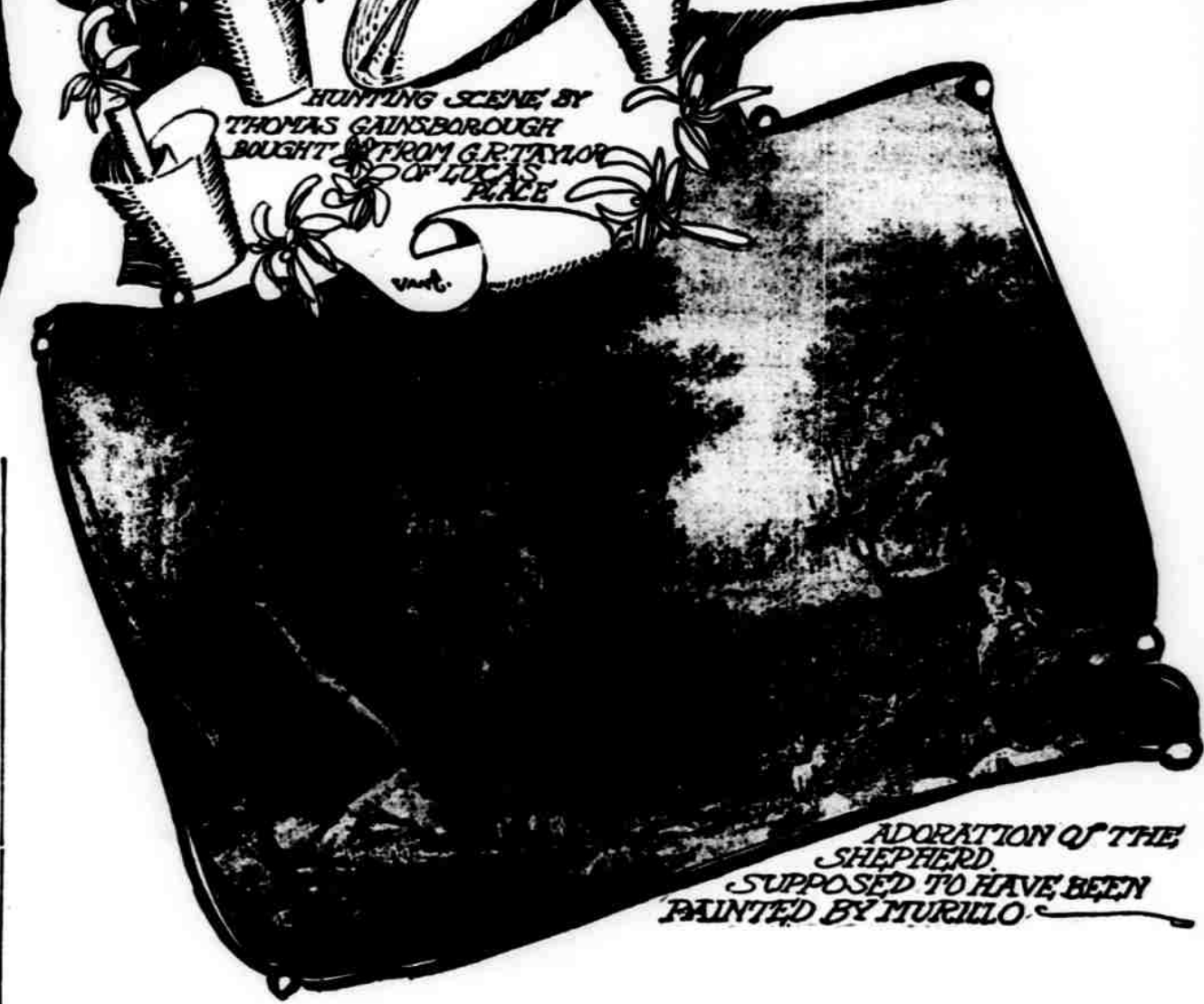
COLLECTION OF OLD PAINTINGS, PROPERTY OF ST. LOUIS WOMAN, SAID TO BE THE ORIGINALS BY VAN DYKE AND RUBENS



THE PORT OF LIVERPOOL
BY ROBERT STANFIELD
PAINTED IN 1809



LANDSCAPE BY TURNER, FORMERLY OWNED BY MAYOR BROWN.



HUNTING SCENE BY THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH
BOUGHT BY G. R. TAYLOR
OF LIVERPOOL
PAINTED BY MURILLO

Mrs. H. M. Cook of No. 1420 Cass Avenue Claims to Have Great Artists' Masterpieces, at One Time the Treasures of Distinguished Citizens—One of the Paintings Was Secured After the Fire at the Southern Hotel.

It is curious how little art is able to influence the affairs of every-day life in St. Louis. Milliardaires, municipalities, institutions and students occasionally take it up and play with it in their leisure moments, but it rarely ever gains a real bearing.

St. Louis can boast of a fine collection of pictures in the Museum of Fine Arts, and several private collections that are worthy of note, and sometimes, in queer out-of-the-way places, a rare bit of art will be found. There is an interesting collection of old paintings owned by Mrs. H. M. Cook of No. 1420 Cass avenue, which were collected by her husband.

Some of them, the owner claims, are original Van Dykes, Rubenses and other old masters. This the art authorities of St. Louis think hardly possible, as there are few of the paintings of the old masters outside the museums, and that all the originals are known and accounted for, and would bring fabulous prices if sold. They say that a Van Dyke or a Rubens has not been sold for the last ten years; that they are all catalogued and a note made of them every time they change hands.

Even if the paintings are not Van Dykes or Rubens, the collection is an interesting one. The pictures are old, and the rich coloring is mellowed by age. Some of them possess good qualities.

SHOW CONSIDERABLE AGE.

One, which the owner claims to be an original, Van Dyke, is called "Saint Martin Dividing His Cloak with a Beggar," a knight is mounted on a white horse riding out of the gates of the city, a beggar is reclining on the ground, with a hand raised as if asking for alms. The knight, holding his cloak in his left hand, is cutting it with his sword.

"The Triumph of Bacchus" and a battle scene, which were at one time the property of Joseph Brown, a former Mayor of St. Louis, are claimed to be original Rubenses.

The Adoration of the Shepherd, supposed to have been painted by Murillo. This was bought by Mr. Cook at the salvage sale of the old Southern Hotel fire. The paintings are in an excellent state of preservation, notwithstanding the fact that they show considerable age.

A MOTHER'S LOVE! A FEW THINGS ABOUT HOME And The Only McNichols.

"I said I valued nothing now,
But then I told a fib;
My only treasure's standing there—
My baby's worn-out crib.
I mind when it was bought—the day
My Sue was three years old;
I got it then for weekly pay—
Worth all its weight in gold!"

"Timid I was about it, too—
Afraid to tell her father;
He'd say we could afford to wait;
He'd do without it rather.
Men are so strange about some things,
Mine can so easy frown;
He says each day, don't go in debt;
Pay always cash right down!"

"That is the best way, too, I guess—
But one must wait so long;
And baby was so heavy then,
So fat, so well and strong;
She needed air—to see the streets,
To roll on through the park,
And when I took her in that crib,
Oh, wasn't that a lark!"

"She married last night, went away,
And left us all alone;
When she comes back she'll have a home,
A new one all her own.
Tom knew just how we got a start;
He'll follow suit. A man
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NEW ERA IN STUDY OF FOSSILS SLASHES PEDESTRIANS' SHOES

Leland Stanford University Man Makes Important Discovery.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 4.—Professor John C. Merriam of the geological department of the Leland Stanford University has just made public the results of discoveries that are expected to revolutionize the theories regarding the origin and descent of ichthyosaurs and plesiosaurs.

The significance of Professor Merriam's discussions of changes in bone structure found in ichthyosaur fossils may be better understood when it is known that the bone changes are coincident with the ichthyosaur's development from a hand moving form to a reptile or animal fitted for aquatic life.

Baltimore Police Seek Criminal With Strange Mania.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11.—"Jack the shoe slasher" is the name applied to a man who has been slashing the shoes of women and children in Philadelphia for several weeks. He has now appeared in Baltimore. It is thought that he is on the order of the young man Max Kruba, who slashed the dresses and coats of women several years ago. Several children have been attacked in Baltimore and their shoes cut with a razor. One victim is in a hospital under treatment for an ugly wound of the foot and another is being treated at home. The man who is doing the cutting is described as being tall and wearing black clothing and a long black overcoat. The Philadelphia police were unable to overtake him during his several weeks he operated there.

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